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**PETITION TO DEFER ISSUANCE OF PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER C.F.R § 1.314**

Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for deferral of the issuance of the application referenced above as a patent until the attached Response to Notice of Informal Application has been considered by the Examiner. This petition is made to allow sufficient time for the Examiner to obtain the case file and to consider the Response to Notice of Informal Application.

Based on the foregoing, it respectfully submitted that applicant has shown good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary to defer issuance of the patent as requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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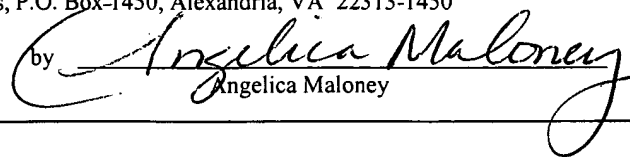
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